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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 3 through 6 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

This application claims priority from Provisional Patent Application No. 60/194,903 ~~60/194,906~~ filed on Apr. 6, 2000, by inventors Manuel Gamero-Castao, Juan Fernandez de la Mora and Manuel Martinez-Sanchez, under the title "Method and apparatus to produce ions and nanodrops with controllable mass/charge from Taylor cones at reduced pressure".

Please replace the paragraph at page 15, line 2 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

~~FIG. 1 is~~ Figures 1A and 1B depict a schematic of an apparatus which incorporates the invention.